

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Robert Henderson, Stephen Hougland, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kristi Bruther, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Councilor Henderson gave the invocation. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Presentations

No announcements or presentations were presented.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the August 18, 2014 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

Public Hearings

Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Abban, made a motion to read all items under old business by title only. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 14-12 Approving the Recommendation of the Board of Works & Public Safety to Change the Vacation Policy effective January 1, 2015 - Mayor McGuinness read Ordinance 14-12 by title only. Mayor McGuinness opened the matter for public hearing. No one asked to speak. Mayor McGuinness closed the public hearing. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Abban, made a motion to approve. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-10 A City of Franklin Indiana Budgetary Ordinance Fixing and Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees for Year 2015 (Civil City) - Mayor McGuinness read Budgetary Ordinance 14-10 by title only. Mayor McGuinness opened the matter for public hearing. No one asked to speak. Mayor McGuinness closed the public hearing. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Abban, made a motion to approve. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-11 A City of Franklin Indiana Budgetary Ordinance Fixing and Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Franklin, Indiana for Year 2015 (Sewer Utility) - Mayor McGuinness read Budgetary Ordinance 14-11 by title only. Mayor McGuinness opened the matter for public hearing. No one asked to speak. Mayor McGuinness closed the public hearing. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Abban, made a motion to approve. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-12 A City of Franklin, Indiana Budgetary Ordinance Fixing the Annual Salaries and Providing Compensation for all Elected Officials of the City of Franklin, Indiana For Year 2015 - Mayor McGuinness read Budgetary Ordinance 14-12 by title only. Mayor McGuinness opened the matter for public hearing. No one asked to speak. Mayor McGuinness closed the public hearing. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Abban, made a motion to approve. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-13 Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations & Tax Rate (Budget Form 4) - Mayor McGuinness read Budgetary Ordinance 14-13 by title only and explained that this matter is set for public hearing but will not be adopted until the next meeting. A member of the public asked if the tax rate is increasing. Mayor McGuinness explained that the tax rate would not be determined until the first quarter of 2015, however, based on the tax rate caps, the home owner will not pay more than one percent of the assessed value of their property. A discussion was held. This item will be brought back at the October 6, 2014 meeting.

New Business

Introductions

Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Abban, made a motion to read all new business items by title only. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 14-04 A Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from the 300 Series to the 200 Series of PSAP Enhanced 911 Fund in the amount of \$3,853.60 - Mayor McGuinness read Budgetary Resolution 14-04 by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander presented Budgetary Resolution 14-04 authorizing transfer from 300 series to the 200 series within the PSAP Enhanced 911 Fund in the amount of \$3,853.60. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Abban, made a motion to approve. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-14 A Budgetary Ordinance Authorizing An Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$26,932.62, with half for Fire Department 101-006-129 in the amount of \$13,466.31 and half for Police Department 101-007-129 in the amount of \$13,466.31 - Mayor McGuinness read Budgetary Ordinance 14-14 by title only and explained that this is for introduction only. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander clarified that the total amount of the additional appropriation for Budgetary Ordinance 14-14 is \$26,932.62. The amount will be equally split among the Fire and Police Department. This matter will be set for adoption on October 6, 2014.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-15 A Budgetary Ordinance Authorizing An Additional Appropriation to Fire Department 101-006-400 in the amount of \$15,411.35

Mayor McGuinness read Budgetary Ordinance 14-15 by title only and explained that this additional appropriation for the Fire Department is for the repairs to the roof that was damaged by a snow storm last winter. The total amount of the additional appropriation is \$15,411.35. This matter will be set for adoption on October 6, 2014.

Common Council Resolution No.: 14-12 Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between Johnson County, Indiana and City of Franklin, Indiana for Downtown Franklin Parking Study

Mayor McGuinness read Resolution 14-12 by title only and explained that this could be approved tonight. Mayor McGuinness explained that this resolution approves an interlocal agreement between Johnson County and the City of Franklin for a downtown parking study. The interlocal agreement will also have to be approved and signed. Discussion held. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Abban, made a motion to approve Resolution 14-12. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Council Comments

Franklin Redevelopment Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16 at 8:00 a.m.

Mayor McGuinness announced the City Council will be participating in a joint meeting on Thursday, September 25, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. with the Franklin School Board at the Franklin Community School Corporation.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, October 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 10/02/2014

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

